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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHOSEI ET AL.

Examiner

Justin Krause

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frank (US Patent 6,181,019) in view of Hardigg et al. (US Patent 5,012,533).

Frank discloses an engine driven work machine comprising:

- A pipe frame (generally the elements labeled as 14)
- A transportable structure attached to the pipe frame (see fig 1)
- A sling fitting (14-5) provided above the pipe frame, the sling fitting having two ends (fig 1c).

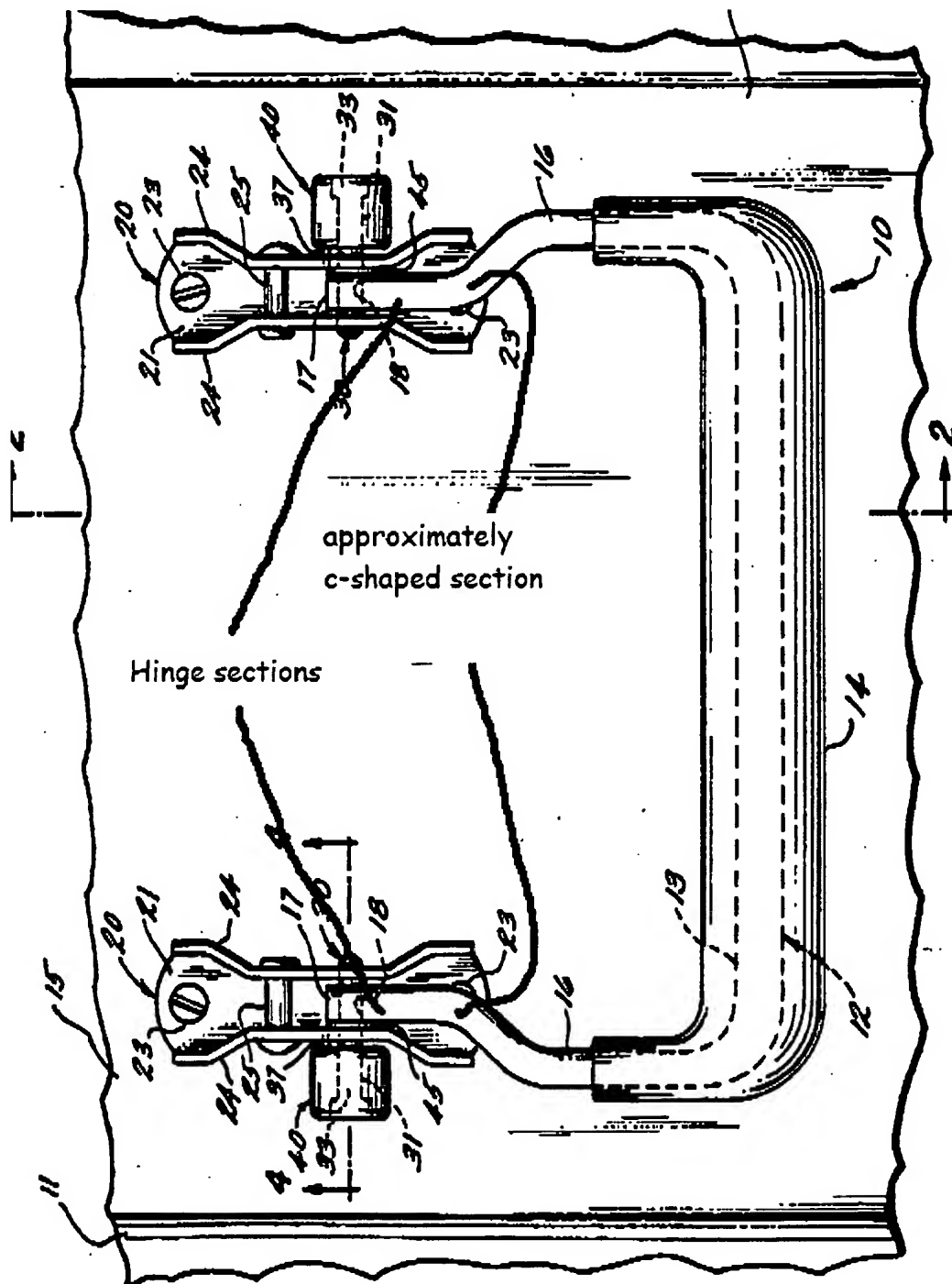
Figure 1b of Frank discloses what appears to be pins holding the sling fitting in place however it is unclear whether or not the sling fitting is hinged to the pipe frame for rotation, Frank does not disclose a stopper.

Hardigg teaches a sling fitting (10) having two ends (17), the sling fitting being hinged (30) to a frame at the two ends for rotation with respect to the frame to provide a sling fitting that stores itself out of the way when not in use (Col 2 line 4) and a stopper (25) stopping the sling fitting in a near vertical direction (Col 3, line 67) for the purpose of restricting the pivotal movement to help stabilize the device during transportation to prevent damage (Col 4, lines 2-5).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Frank and provide a sling fitting as taught by Hardigg, the motivation would have been to permit the storage of the sling fitting out of the way when not in use, and to restrict the pivotal movement, to stabilize the load during transport, preventing damage.

Regarding claim 3, a shock absorber (14a) is provided on a side of the sling fitting.

Regarding claim 4, the sling fitting has a bent section (16) extending at a right angle to a bottom edge of a center section (13) and approximately c-shaped sections provided adjacent to the two ends of the sling fitting.



Regarding claim 5, the C-shaped sections comprise hinge sections for rotationally supporting the sling fitting and for engaging with the stopper.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

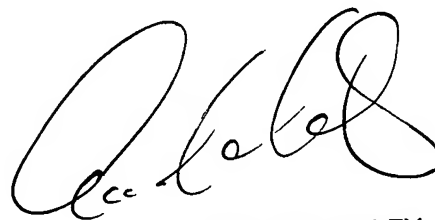
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin Krause whose telephone number is 571-272-3012. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Ridley', with a stylized, cursive script.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER